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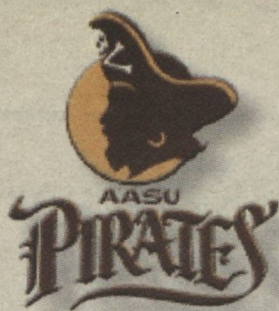
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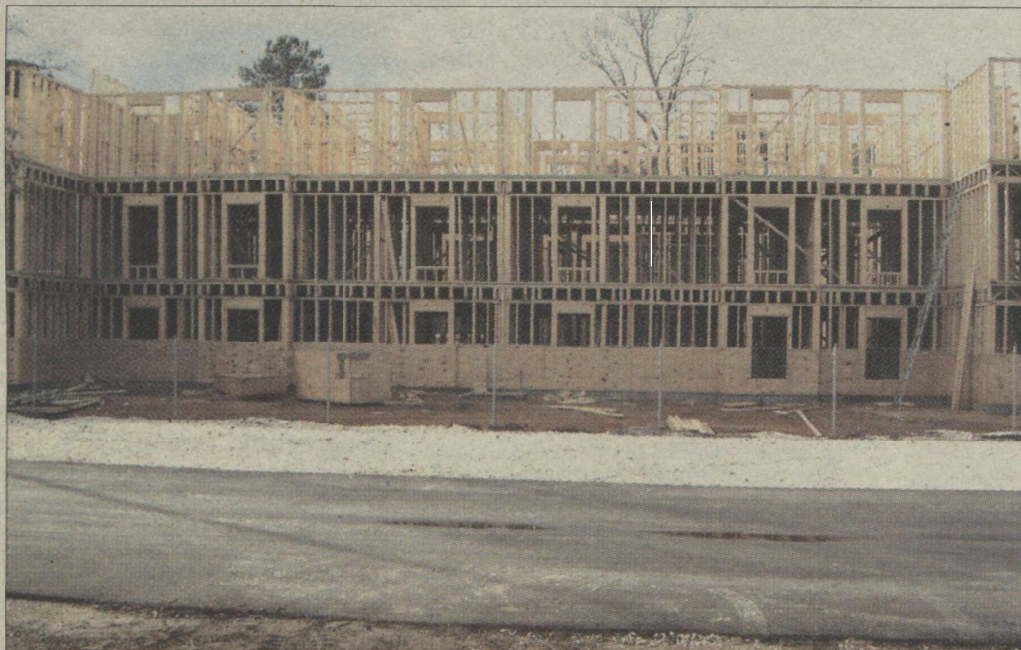
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The Award-Winning Voice of Armstrong Atlantic State University
Week of February 2, 2006



Students Have Somewhere to Live

New Four Bedroom and Four Bath Apartments Coming to University Terrace



Construction underway at University Terrace.

courtesy of Chris Nowicki

Jessica Rice
Staff Writer

Construction has been underway at University Terrace since November 2005.

Corey Reedy the interim director of Housing and Residence Life said the construction should be completed by May 31.

Within thirty days of completion any additional cosmetic work to the interior will be finished. There will be 24 apartments each containing four bedrooms and four bathroom in each.

Armstrong Atlantic State University has a lease with University Terrace whose owner is building the new

units. "Armstrong is working closely with them," Reedy said. Although the school leases University Terrace, rent is still collected individually similar to the Compass Point apartments.

Alicia Mosby who is a student at Armstrong and a resident at University Terrace said she was in favor of the

new building. "Personally I wouldn't want to live with four people, but it depends who you live with. With each bedroom having a bathroom it wouldn't be that bad."

Sophie Francois also praised the new construction. "Great, people can enjoy privacy by having their own bathroom." Adding that the new buildings are, "very good, [Armstrong] needs more places close for students to live."

Alicia Mosby has been living at University Terrace this semester said she had no complaints about the construction. "They work decent hours when everyone is in class," she said. During the last months between 20 and 25 workers have been on the site daily. This number varies according to Reedy.

All work on the building is projected to be finish by Jul. 1, 2006. The apartments will be available for students to rent at the beginning of the fall 2006 semester.

Working to Eliminate Tax on Textbooks

Brandi Scott
Staff writer

Soon students may not have to pay as much for textbooks.

Student Government Presidents at Georgia's Public Universities across the state are working to eliminate state tax on textbooks.

AASU SGA President Phillip Pope, along with SGA presidents at Georgia College and State University, Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern and Atlanta Metropolitan are trying to make this happen. Pope and the other five Georgia universities have been working since October 2005 to eliminate taxes in campus bookstores across Georgia.

They are scheduled to meet with Tom Daniel, the Asso-

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Extreme Makeover #1

Office of Career Services Teaches Successful Resume/Cover Letter Writing Techniques

Angela Mensing
Staff Writer

The Office of Career Services held their second workshop of the year on Wed, Jan. 25 in their office located in Compass Point Annex.

This workshop creatively entitled "Extreme Makeover #1" focused on the significance of a properly written cover letter and resume in obtaining employment.

Further emphasis was placed on the dos and don'ts of the interview process.

Barbara Myers, Director of Career Services presented an in-depth PowerPoint presentation, distributed a packet of helpful handouts and allowed ample time for the attendees to ask specific questions regarding their own experiences in job hunting.

"I enjoyed the class and would recommend it to others," said Mary-Ann Unemori, an AASU Economic

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Current Trends in Enrollment at AASU

Enrollment declining at AASU and other institutions

Jessica Martinez
Staff Writer

As of fall semester 2005, the number of enrolled students at Armstrong has decreased.

Armstrong officials have already set forth initiatives to address the issue.

According to Dr. Katherine Bennett, Interim Director of Institutional Research at AASU, two new advisors have been hired to assist undeclared majors in focusing on a program of study and to also provide guidance to students experiencing academic difficulty.

By working directly with students, such initiatives are expected to increase both the number of students enrolled at Armstrong as well as the quality of educational experience. This is "an effort to retain all students," said Bennett.

The decrease in number of enrolled students from fall of 2004 to fall of 2005 is the first decrease Armstrong has experienced in a number of years. Since fall semester 2000, headcount enrollment numbers at Armstrong have steadily increased. The headcount enrollment for fall semester 2001 was 5,061

students; in the fall of 2004, that number increased to 6,147. Even with the 3.8% enrollment decrease from 2004 to 2005, Armstrong has still experienced a significant increase (16.9%) in enrollment within the past five years alone.

Currently, the Office of Institutional Research at Armstrong surveys students who have withdrawn their enrollment at Armstrong in an attempt to learn the

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Armstrong Atlantic State University Calendar of Events

Friday, February 3

9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Give for the Gulf Valentine Boxes Assembly in University Dining Room

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. AASU First Pitch Triangle at Pirate Field

7:30p.m.-9:00p.m. Joe Graves Pianofest Guest Artist Recital in Fine Arts Auditorium

Saturday, February 4

8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. PianoFest 2006 Masterclasses & Workshops in Fine Arts Room 206

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Savannah Fibers Guild Meeting in Fine Arts Room 203

9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Savannah Art Association Workshop in Fine Arts Annex Room 001

1:00p.m. 4:00p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis at Augusta State University

2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Women's Basketball vs. USC Aiken at Sports Center

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. AASU First Pitch Triangle at Pirate Field

4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. Men's Basketball vs. USC Aiken at Sports Center

5:00p.m.-6:00p.m. PianoFest 2006 - Competition Winners' Recital in Fine Arts Auditorium

Sunday, February 5

11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis at USC Aiken

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. AASU First Pitch Triangle at Pirate Field

6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. OMA The History of African American Gospel Music: "The reason why we sing"

Monday, February 6

12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Executive Committee Meeting in UH 282

5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. Women's Basketball at GC&SU

7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Men's Basketball at GC&SU

Wednesday, February 8

12:00p.m.-1:30p.m. SGA Candidate's Meeting in University Dining Room

12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Ebony Coalition Meeting in Victor Hall Room 141

5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. Women's Basketball at Francis Marion

7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Men's Basketball at Francis Marion

Engineers Kickoff Spring Semester

Engineering Society discusses job market at first meeting

Jessica Rice
Staff Writer

Armstrong Atlantic State University's Engineering Society had their kickoff meeting for the spring semester on Wed 25, 2005 at noon in the Science Center.

The meeting began with Treasurer of the organization, David Giles, talking about the average wage earnings for engineers in Georgia. The topic focused on the job market for Georgia and other areas around the country.

The discussion covered the importance of being prepared when going into the job market. Giles also expressed the importance perks and knowing when to ask for them. The discussion was open for any questions.

The president of the organization, Andrew Borgan spoke and thanked everyone for coming. Ideas were put forth for events or trips for the

group. Preliminary plans were made to invite a speaker for this semester, a trip to either Savannah Electric or Palmer Johnson, and a cookout to help the society raise money.

Pizza was free for any first time attendee and one dollar for members. A member of the society pays dues of twenty dollars per year. The society has between 20 and 30 members.

The society agreed the meet the fourth Wed of every month. Faculty advisor, Priya Thamburaj challenged all members to bring two or more engineering majors to the next meeting. "Lets expand our group." She said. Discussion for upcoming fun activities and ways to expand their membership ended the meeting. Anyone that is interested in joining the Engineering Society should feel free to contact them through their website or come to their next meeting.

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major

"I attended the workshop in order to better her chances in obtaining an internship," said Unemori.

The Office of Career Services offers a wide array of resources to AASU students and alumni in addition to the workshops. Self-assessment evaluations such as the Strong Interest Inventory (SII) and the popular Myers-Briggs Type Indicator are also offered free of charge. One-on-one appointments with Myers are available for critiquing resumes, engaging in mock interviews and for other career counseling. Resource materials on hand include books on Co-ops, various undergraduate and graduate college catalogs, job vacancy binders and scholarship guides.

Since Career Services inauguration in July 2000, there has been a gradual influx of participants. In 2005 alone, they had 275 scheduled appointments and 200 individuals show up for various workshops; however, Myers would like to see the numbers even higher. "The turn out is not where it could be despite lots of advertising. It comes down to where a student is in their learning and their desire for self improvement," said Myers.

Their office hours are 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Students can either stop by to make an appointment or call 927-5372.

Keep an eye out for the following workshops and events:

February 8: Don't be the Average Joe! Making the Most of Career Day, Compass Point Annex AA-2
February 23: AASU Career Day, AASU Alumni Arena

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ciate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services at Kennesaw University in two weeks to see if they can come to an agreement and get the bill typed up to be sent to the house in order to be signed.

"This could take anywhere from two months to two years; however, we believe that they are a good 60 percent through getting this ac-

complished," said Pope. "I have no intentions of giving up and hope to pass it over to his successor and have them feel as strong as he does on the matter."

Valerie Garrison said that books are highly priced and believes a tax break may help the campus book store in the matter of keeping student shopping there instead of going to Barnes and Nobles or buying from the Internet.

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various circumstances affecting student withdrawal. The Office of Institutional Research hopes to receive enough feedback from surveyed students in order to learn

more about why students withdraw. With a greater understanding of the needs of these students, new initiatives to retain enrollment can then be explored. For more information, visit the Office of Institutional Research at www.ir.armstrong.edu.



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courtesy Leslie Moses

Students are able to cut straight through the gym parking lot to exit campus.

A Lot of Freedom: the Joys of a Direct Route

Students no longer have to wind around the gym parking lot labyrinth

Leslie Moses
Staff Writer

The maze of curbs that forced students to snake through the gym parking lot in order to get to or from Windsor Forrest is gone.

AASU's Department of Plant Operations recently removed the curbs after a local Fire Department expressed concern that the maze was delaying their engine response time.

Director of Plant Operations David Faircloth says that with the curbs gone, not only are fire trucks able to move more quickly through Armstrong but that the campus is now more accessible from the two nearby fire stations.

For students like Jovan Izquierdo, who lives just five blocks away in Windsor Forrest, the drive to campus just became a lot simpler.

"I think these should have been taken out along time ago," Izquierdo said.

"It makes it a hassle if you're coming [from Windsor Forrest] to the other way," he says, pointing towards Abercorn.

Now, after a day of classes, Izquierdo and other students can zip straight home.

Faircloth said President Jones okayed the decision to remove the curbs provided that the Plant Operations Department took caution for traffic concerns.

"In years past, we had trouble

with non-campus traffic cutting through [to get to Abercorn]," Faircloth said.

But since the Apache Road bypass behind campus has opened up an alternate route from Windsor Forrest to Abercorn, Faircloth says he isn't worried.

Faircloth is, however, still concerned about speed control.

"There will definitely be speed bumps," he says.

But Izquierdo says even if the gym parking lot is full of speed bumps, he still prefers the new direct route over the long wind around the lot.

Faircloth says they are about halfway through with the project and estimates that they will finish within three weeks.

Dr. Ed Wheeler Interim Vice President

Tradition of Excellence continues

Amy Carter
Staffwriter

Dr. Ed Wheeler officially became the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs on Jan. 1, 2005 to serve during the search for Dr. Thompson's predecessor.

Wheeler aspires "to be a strong bridge between the good work of the Thompson era to the good work of the next vice president."

Dr. Wheeler first came to Armstrong in 1987 to serve as the head of the Math and Computer Science department. In 2001, he was promoted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

As part of Dr. Wheeler's long service to Armstrong Atlantic, his

close work with faculty members and deans contributes to why he is able to serve in the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs position.

As for being selected to serve, Dr. Wheeler said he reflected on a conversation he had with a gentleman just this week who is an alumni and new trustee of AASU.

The gentleman related his weak academic background and limited resources upon coming to school at Armstrong in the mid-eighties. However, he found "the support and encouragement to achieve far beyond anything that [he] could have ever imagined," and is now a very successful physician in the

Atlanta area. Said Wheeler. "Because of this critical role that Armstrong plays in the lives of young and old in our community, I am very proud to serve this six months as Interim Vice President."

"The Vice President becomes the face of academics and that good interims need to manage things efficiently, make sure that major lines of communication stay open, and represent the needs of their unit effectively to those to who they report," said Wheeler.

For more information about the search for the new Vice President of Academic Affairs, visit www.vpres.armstrong.edu.

Chancellor-Designate named for the University System of Georgia

Erroll B. Davis becomes the new Chancellor for the University System of Georgia

Rico Lyons
Staff Writer

Board of Regents Chairman J. Timothy Shelnut named Erroll B. Davis as Chancellor-Designate of the University System of Georgia on Dec. 8, 2005.

As chancellor, Davis will be responsible for Georgia's 35 public colleges and universities.

In 1998, Davis became president and chief executive officer of Alliant Energy Corporation. In 2000, Davis became chairman of the board of the company. In 2005, Davis retired from president and CEO, but remained chairman.

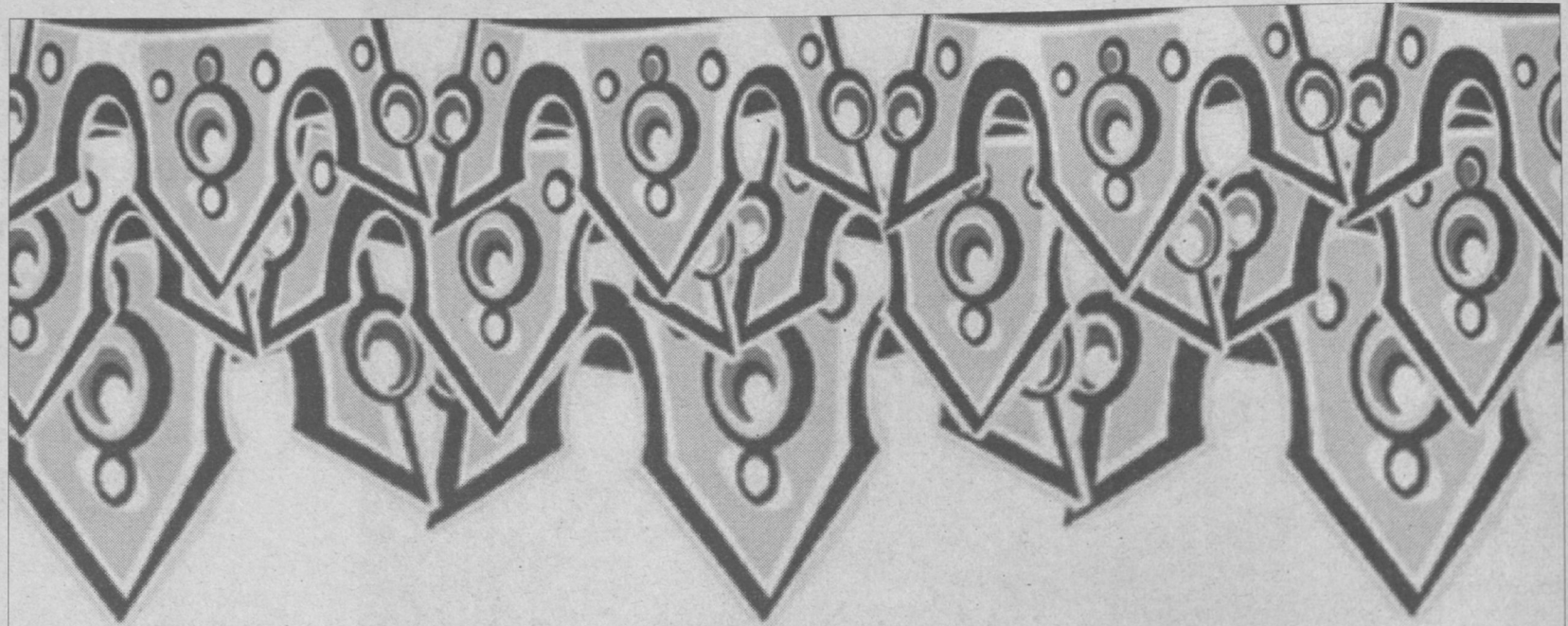
Prior to Alliant, Davis was CEO of WPO Holdings from 1990 to 1998, and from 1978 to 1990 he rose from president to CEO of Wisconsin Power and Light Company. Davis also filled corporate finance positions with Ford Motor Company and Xerox Corporation.

Aside from corporate positions, Davis served as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents from 1987-1994, and he was former chairman of the board of trustees of Carnegie Mellon University. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

Pittsburgh, PA native, Davis earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, in 1965, and a M.B.A. in finance from the University of Chicago, in 1967. He is a member of the board of directors of BP, PPG Industries, Inc., and Union Pacific Corp., and numerous professional associations and civic organizations. In 2004, he the U.S. Olympic Committee Board, and he chairs the USOC's Audit Committee.

Davis and his wife, Elaine, established the Davis Family Foundation, which makes annual grants to numerous students in need.

Davis is scheduled to assume the chancellor position in early 2006.



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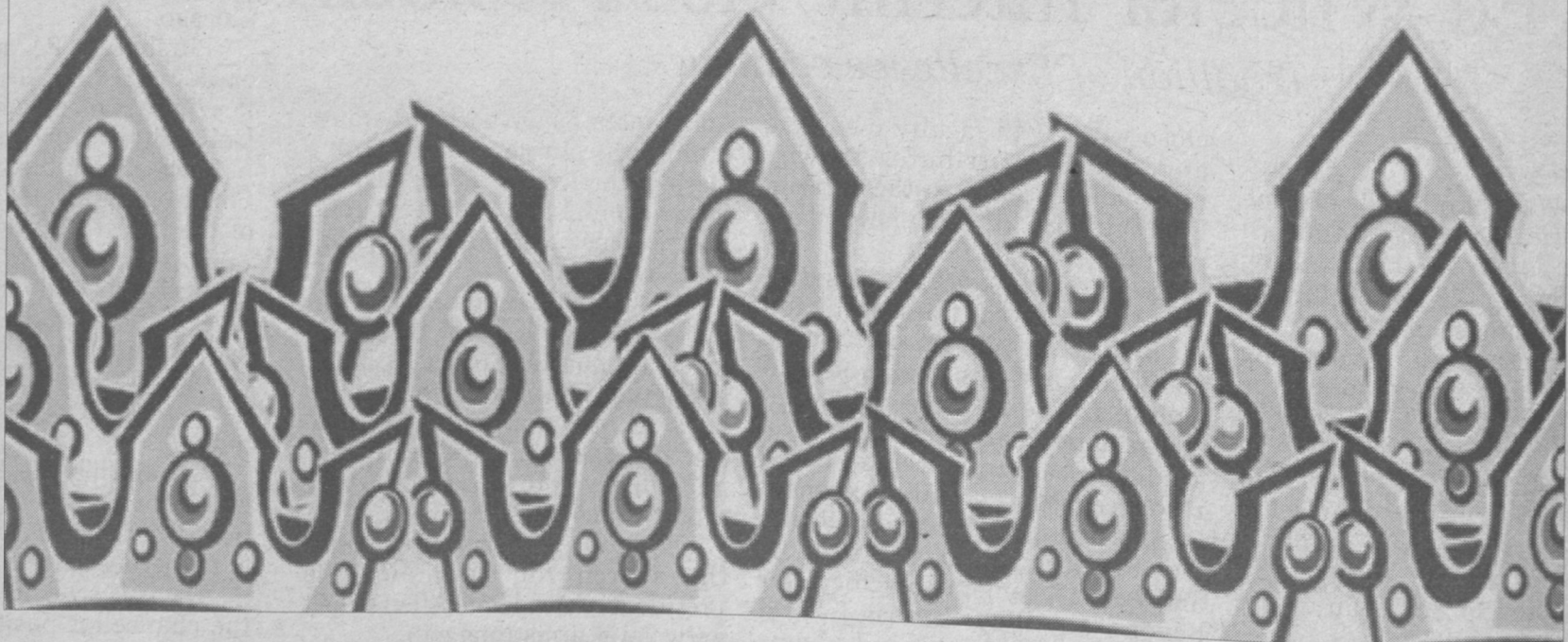
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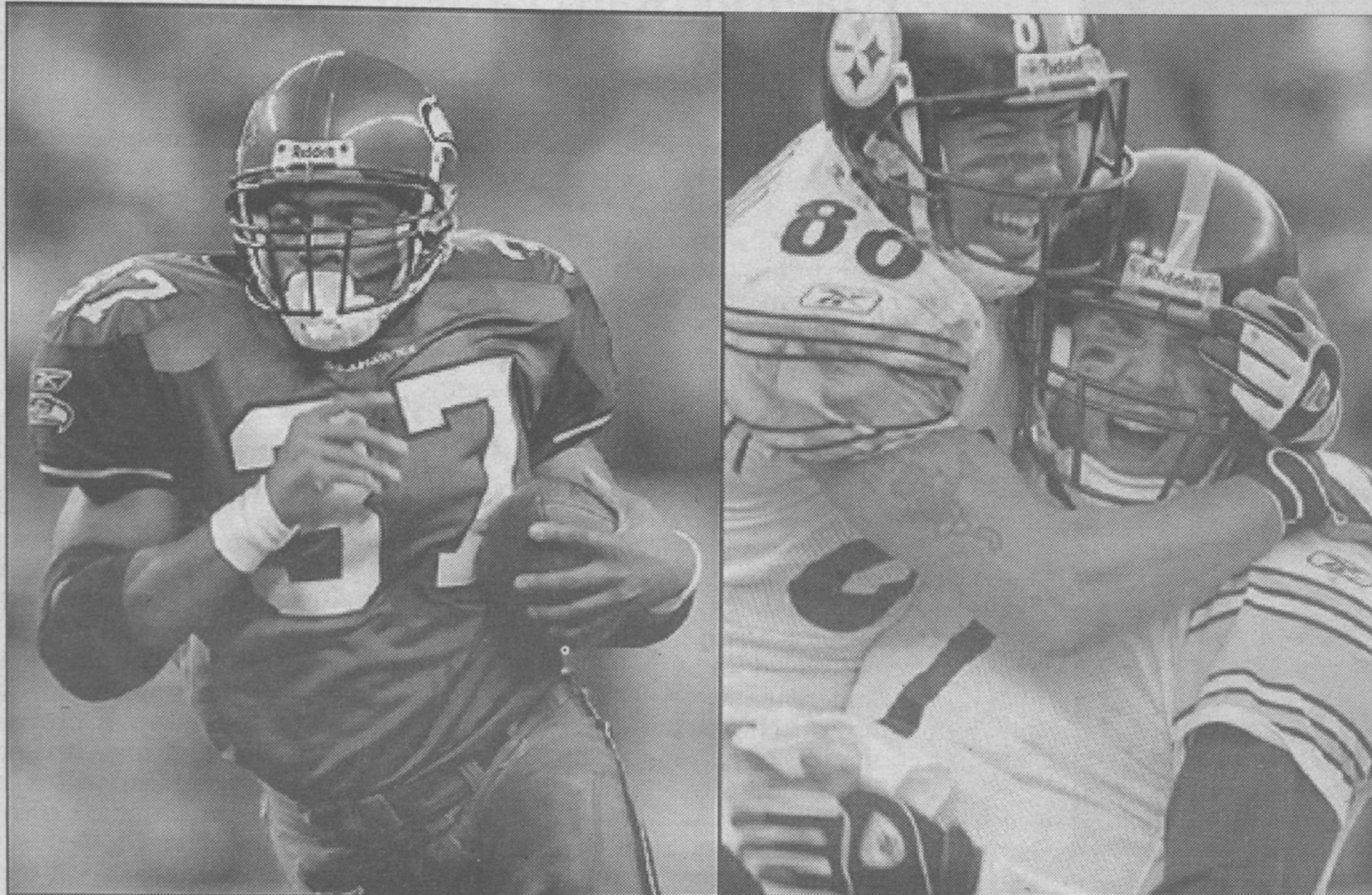


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Left to right; Seahawks's Shaun Alexander; Steelers' receiver Hines Ward and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger

Steelers vs. Seahawks

AASU students Gear up for Super Bowl XL

Tara Gergacs
Editor-in-Chief

The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks prepare to battle as Super Bowl XL approaches on Feb. 5, 2006 in Detroit, Michigan.

The AFC (American Football Conference) champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, are no strangers to the Super Bowl. The Steelers won four Super Bowl titles out of the five games they have been in.

The Steelers had 14 wins and 5 losses during the 2005 season. Major players for the Steelers on Super Bowl Sunday will be quarterback # 7 Ben Roethlisberger and running back # 36 Jerome Bettis.

Robert Hall a student at Armstrong Atlantic State University thinks the

Steelers may have a shot at winning Super Bowl XL.

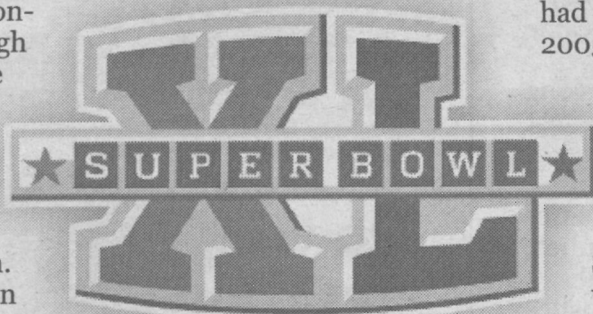
"The Steelers are going to win," said Hall. "I am a huge fan."

The NFC (National

Football Conference) champions, the Seattle Seahawks, will be playing in their first Super Bowl. After 30 years of slamming and battling other teams, they will have a chance to take home the title. The Seahawks had 15 wins and 3 losses during the 2005 season. Two important players to watch on Sunday are quarterback #8 Matt Hasselbeck and running back # 37 Shaun Alexander.

Andrea Divine a student at AASU feels that the Steelers will have no chance in winning this Super Bowl.

"The Steelers are always going to the Super Bowl," said Divine. "I would like to see the Seahawks win because it will be their first Super Bowl win ever."



DETROIT
FEBRUARY 5, 2006

Pirates Take Surprising Defeat

Augusta 64, AASU Men 58

Jasmine Jones
Staff Writer

The Armstrong Atlantic State University Pirates (13-3, 7-2 PBC) nine-game winning streak came to an end against Augusta State University (8-8, 4-5 PBC) on Jan. 23 in Alumni Arena.

The Pirates struggled from the start, shooting just 24 percent in the first half, and then went on to lose 64-58.

Though AASU's head coach, Dip

Metress, was absent due to his one-game suspension, the Jaguars came out ready to play. They shot 51 percent from the field against AASU's defense, which was ranked number one in the Peach Belt Conference. The Jaguars ended the first half with a lead of 10, with the scoreboard reading 23-33.

In the second half, the Pirates struggled to overcome the 10-point deficit. Despite freshmen point guard **Kevin Parker's** two con-

secutive three-pointers, the Pirates could not come within less than two. Starting guard Matt Scott's long three-pointer with 01:08 remaining was the dagger that sealed the game for the Jaguars, giving them a six point advantage.

Leading the Jaguars with 13 points was Demetrius Howard. Parker, who put up 12 points, hitting 4-of-5 three-pointers, led the Pirates. This game was the Pirates first defeat at home.

Expect a Frontline Battle as the Seahawks take on the Steelers

Gordon Coffee
Staff Writer

Seattle proved they have a strong offense in their playoff victory versus Carolina, but Pittsburgh's defense will be aiming to hit them hard early on.

Seattle's RB Shaun Alexander will have to run as hard as he did against Carolina to prevent the Steelers from shutting down their offense.

As always, QB Ben Roethlisberger will be an important part of the Steelers offense, but he is by no means infallible. The Seahawks will need to keep possession of the ball to allow themselves as many opportunities as possible to score.

If Pittsburgh manages to cap the Seahawks offense, however, they should be able to pull off a win.

This Week in Intramurals

Mary Culp
Sports Editor

Softball sign-ups are going on now through Fri, Feb. 3.

The season will start on Feb. 12, with games being played on Sundays.

Intramural basketball is going on every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the ARC. Anyone interested in playing needs to bring a current student ID with them.

When asked about other events to come, Stacey Brown with the Department of Intramurals said, "we are working on organizing a golf tournament, a volleyball tournament, and another fitness activity, but nothing has been finalized yet."

Women's College Basketball

Augusta State 54, AASU 47

Chad Jackson
Special to the Inkwell

Augusta State University's Lady Jaguars forced 26 turnovers in a 54-47 victory over the Lady Pirates on Jan. 23 in Alumni Arena.

Armstrong Atlantic (8-8, 3-6 PBC) dropped its third straight game by shooting just 28.6 percent from the floor against the Lady Jaguars (7-11, 2-7 PBC). Augusta State shot 48 percent from the floor and got 16 points off the bench from Shirrell Ford, who went 7-of-8 from the floor. The Lady Pirates were led by sophomore Kaneetha Gordon's sixth double-double of the season with 13 points and 14 rebounds.



courtesy Chad Jackson

Warm Up With Audosha Kelley

AASU's All-Around All Star

Angela Mensing
Staff Writer

As a young third grader, Audosha Kelley would spend many afternoons begging her older brother, Aubrey, to let her tag along with him to the Tompkin's Center in Savannah to play basketball.

Just a few years later, Kelley's brother was killed in an automobile accident, leaving her with a passion to pursue the one thing they shared together – the game of basketball.

Kelley would observe moves "playing with the boys," and then later, "when no one was around," she said she would practice them again and again until she felt comfortable implementing them in her game.

Practice in her case has definitely paid off. Just ask any sports reporter in Savannah who has seen her play either for Beach High School's Lady Bulldogs or AASU's Lady Pirates about her abilities on the court. Better yet, run a Google search on her name, and see the onslaught of articles – all singing praises for her performance over the years.

During her high school years, descriptions of Kelley varied from "do-everything senior Audosha Kelley" to "stat-taker's dream".

Ron Booker, Kelley's former high school coach, in the Savannah Morning News in 2000 named her, "our blue-collar superstar." In another article in 2000, Booker stated, "Audosha has carried us all year. She took us on her shoulders during the tournament."

With 29 years of coaching under his belt, Booker stated in a recent interview that Kelly was only one of two ladies who made team captain

in their sophomore year. It was her "uncanny ability to lead quietly through her actions and with compassion" that makes her "a natural leader."

On Kelley's athletic ability, Booker said, "Audosha is a very talented young lady. You can teach any kid what they need to do to get there, but it's up to them to do the work. Audosha worked hard and became a great ballplayer."

Kelley credits Booker for taking the time to teach more than just how to play the game. He taught "the fundamentals of the game."

After graduating with an associate's degree in general studies, Kelley moved back to Savannah.

Kelley is now a Criminal Justice major at AASU and, as Doctor Spencer Wheeler put it, "We're glad she's back."

Kelley is interested in becoming a probation officer and is contemplating joining a friend in coaching high school kids in basketball. According to Coach Walley, "whatever Audosha decides to do, she'll be very successful at it."

The 2004-2005 AASU Athletics Year in Review listed Kelley's achievements. She received tournament honors for the Disney's DII Tip-Off Classic and was named MVP in the Chatham Orthopaedics Holiday Classic. In addition she was listed as an individual leader in scoring (18.2 2nd for PBC and 34th NCAA); rebounding (7.6 11th PBC); free throw percentage (.763 6th PBC); steals (2.04 11th PBC); 3-point FG percentage (.389 5th PBC); 3-point FG made (1.42 12th PBC); and defensive rebounds (5.62 2nd PBC).

Clayton State Defeats Pirates, 66-49

Release Courtesy of Clayton State Sports Information

The Armstrong Atlantic men's basketball team has lost back-to-back games for the first time this season after suffering through another cold shooting performance on Wed in a 66-49 loss at Clayton State in Morrow, Ga. on Jan. 25.

The Pirates (13-4, 7-3 PBC) took an early 11-5 lead in the first six minutes of the contest, but Clayton State (14-

3, 7-3 PBC) took charge soon after, building a 13-point lead at halftime, 36-23.

The Lakers did not let up in the second half, building as much as a 21-point lead in exacting revenge for an earlier-season 69-63 loss to the Pirates back in December. Todd MacLaurin led all scorers for the Lakers with 17 points, while Tory Harris led the Pirates with 10 points on the night.

Women's Basketball: Clayton State 78, AASU 60

Release Courtesy of Clayton State Sports Information

A 14-2 run late in the second half sealed an 18-point Peach Belt Conference victory for 22nd-ranked Clayton State, as the Lakers defeated Armstrong Atlantic State 78-60 at the Athletics & Fitness Center on Jan. 25.

Leading 57-49 with 10:08 remaining, Tracey Browne ignited the game-deciding run with two free throws, followed by a three pointer from Teri Willis, giving the squad a 13-point, 62-49 lead.

After two free throws from AASU's Audosha Kelley, Willis drained another three-pointer to give the squad a 14-point lead with 8:21 remaining.

Two Clayton State free throws and then a basket by Alecia Humphrey capped the run, pushing the Laker lead to 20 points, 71-51, with 5:04 remaining. Armstrong cut the deficit to 16 points on one occasion in the final four minutes, but could come no closer. Browne gave the Lakers a 21-point lead with a basket in the paint with 2:04 left.

Armstrong led much of the first half, and a Kelley basket at the 9:27 mark gave the Pirates a 21-17 advantage. Clayton State answered over the next five minutes with a 14-3 stretch to take a 31-24 lead. After both teams swapped baskets in the next few minutes, Clayton State closed the half with five straight points, including a three-pointer by Shelcey Harp to give the squad 43-32 lead.

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Lewis, Duvall and Berkman perform in Fine Arts Auditorium

The stage presence from each performer showed the enjoyment and fulfillment each one receives from playing. When asked, "What inspires and motivates you to play?" Berkman responded with, "Music keeps changing, there are always new things to discover, and it is always a joy to practice and perform."

courtesu Erik O'Brien

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“Women’s Voices” Captivates Audience

Controversial play returns to AASU campus

Maunalee Hashemi
Staff Writer

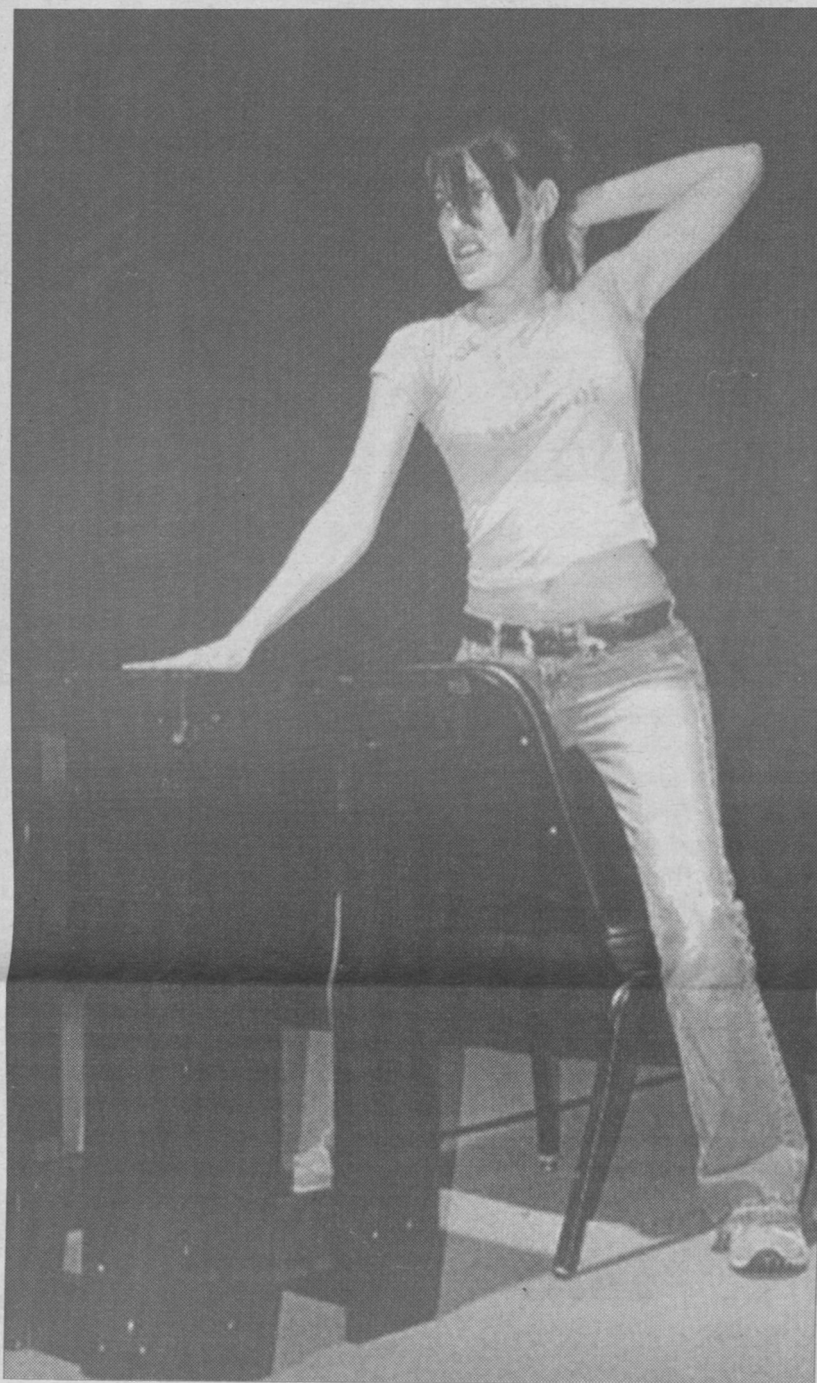
Every year AASU Masquers present a production called “Women’s Voices,” a series of monologues and short scenes concerning women’s issues from a woman’s point-of-view, as well as a man’s.

This year’s directors for the production were Bess McCreary, Samantha Noon and Michelle Fekete. They were responsible for casting, lights, music, set and anything else you can think of.

Since the production is run by students, it has no budget at all. The sets were black boxes, which the cast members moved around during blackout. Michelle Drake, a performer in this year’s production, described it as, “using imagination to create atmosphere.”

This show was free to everyone, and the theatre was full all three nights. One can find themselves drawn uncomfortably, yet enjoyably, into each monologue. The scene that made people forget that they were watching actors was the “Fishing” scene with Dr. Peter Mellen and Drake.

The scene encompasses a conversation between a young woman (Michelle Drake) and the spirit of her dead abusive father (Dr. Peter Mellen). Drake and Mellen have amazing chemistry on stage. Other scenes that definitely got the audience’s attention were “Non-Bridal Passion,” “Sweet Hunk O’ Trash” and a comic spin on the Greek tragedy “Medea.”



Michelle Drake performs for AASU students.

courtesy Maunalee Hashemi

Entertainment for the Impoversished

Colonial Life Comes Alive at Wormsloe

Erin Christian
Staff writer

Wormsloe State Historic Site at 7601 Skidaway Rd. invites the public to dance (literally) to the tune of 18th century Georgia on Feb. 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

I will always promote this event for several reasons. A main reason for my support is that the Colonial Faire and Muster absolutely free of charge, and, if you get nothing else out of the experience, the scenery is beautiful.

Another reason probably involves me being a huge nerd, but that’s beside the point.

Among the festivities, there will be 18th century military encampments, craft demonstrations, period music and dance, musket and cannon firings and examples of slave life in early Georgia.

Upon arriving, visitors will receive a schedule of events that is usually accompanied by a map to ease the pains of navigating. Vendors line the paths, hocking wares that run the gamut of items common in early colonial life. Once you get deep into the historical site, it is almost like you simply wandered onto a working plantation. People in period costume go about their business, doing various crafts or rustically cooking things you won’t likely see on a fancy platter at Elizabeth’s on 37th Street. If prompted, they gladly answer any and all questions that visitors may have, or you can simply observe and then meander on to the next attraction.

However, it isn’t all simply observation, as in a museum. Indeed, visitors are often asked to participate in a myriad of activities; one of my favorites is the dance. Girls, this is a true measure of the devotion of your guy. If you can convince him to attempt a traditional Colonial dance, in front of a growing crowd, you’re in good shape.

Aside from all of the activities and attractions, there is also the beauty of the surroundings. It is incredibly easy to get lost in a fantasy of pre-Gone With the Wind grandeur while walking amongst the ancient oaks, around the old cemetery and through the savage woods. Ok, so maybe the woods aren’t exactly “savage,” but they’re still picturesque. Finally, I’m no major Colonial Georgia history buff, so please don’t think that that’s why I’m so keen on this event. The fact that it is simply something that one doesn’t get the opportunity to experience often and that it costs absolutely zero dollars to attend makes it a festival well worth the visit.

courtesy Robin Jones

Say, “Cheese!”

CUB Welcomes Fun Time Entertainment’s “Almost Famous” Magazine Covers

Robert Hall
Staffwriter

The North balcony of Alumni Arena was home once again to another giveaway brought to campus by AASU’s Campus Union Board.

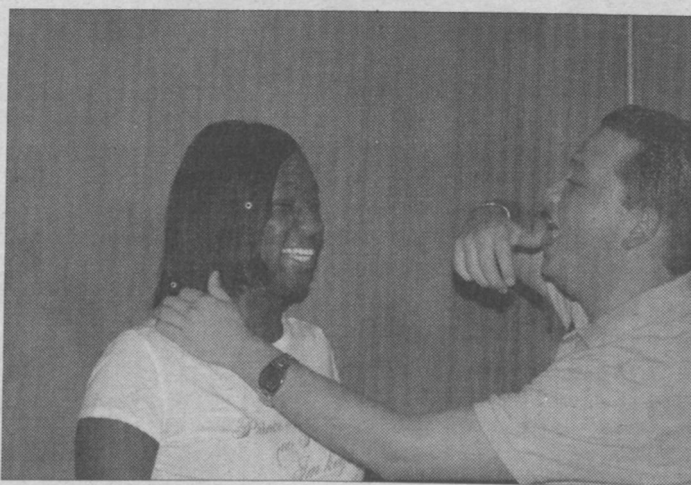
Campus Union Board’s Open Door Committee brought the students of Armstrong Atlantic State University the “Almost Famous” magazine covers on Jan. 23.

CUB’s Fun at the Game welcomed Fun Time Entertainment who brought the students three covers to choose from in Campus Quarterly, Entertainment Week and Sports. All of those photographed had their picture taken in front of a green screen and the background was digitally reproduced.

CUB staff member Charita Hardy

indicated a great turnout. “Fun Times Entertainment was very professional and personable. Meredith Stafford, one of our CUB members, took all the pictures. They were great. It was a very different, very unique opportunity and these covers will be something we can all cherish for a lifetime,” Hardy said.

The largest group of participants



Erik Reid preps Jasmine Ham for photo shoot.

was the children. Student Amanda Robinson said, “It was pretty cool. I thought there would be a better variety of covers, but it was great and the little kids really enjoyed it.”

Recent Controversy Surrounding NBC's Recently Debuted Television Series Ends in Abrupt Cancellation

Jack Kenny's "The Book of Daniel" aroused a public outcry throughout Christian population

Angela Mensing
Staff Writer

The recent hoopla surrounding Jack Kenny's "The Book of Daniel" has had both believers and nonbelievers speaking out and demanding NBC to consider their role in televising the controversial series, which debuted January 6.

The public opinions spanned both sides of the spectrum with some wanting censorship to others imploring the rights to the freedom of speech.

According to NBC's website, "The Book of Daniel" is "a provocative, edgy and compelling new drama" in which Aidan Quinn portrays "Rev. Daniel Webster, an unconventional Episcopalian priest who not only believes in Jesus — he actually sees him and discusses his life with him."

Webster's relationship with Jesus spurred many discussions about the reverend's addiction to Vicodin. Adding more fuel to the fire, the priest's family consisted

of an alcoholic wife, a homosexual son, a sexually active heterosexual son and a marijuana-dealing daughter. NBC's tagline of "Sex. Drugs. Stolen Money and Martinis. Family Can Really Test Your Faith" really upset many Christians.

From the moment NBC decided to air "The Book of Daniel," the American Family Association (AFA) stood ready to alert the Christian population and take whatever actions necessary to get NBC to pull the program that, according to Dr. Don Wildmon, AFA chairman and founder, "...reflects the anti-Christian bias which exists at the highest levels of the network."

The AFA spokesperson Ed Vitagliano was quoted Dec. 3, on AFA's website, warning "We will be reviewing this, and we will be letting AFA supporters know exactly what is on this program. And (we will be) holding advertisers accountable for what

appears to be yet one more show that's going to dog the Christian faith."

Kenny, creator and executive producer of "The Book of Daniel" states in his blog on the program's NBC website that he "thought that this show would be embraced by most Christians" and furthermore "it's pretty clearly defined as a work of fiction, not a reality show about a priest."

On the local front, Father Willoughby, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who stated he had not seen any of the episodes, wondered why a sitcom would be taken seriously and why Kenny chose the Episcopalians. According to Willoughby, Episcopalians "really embrace and enjoy thinking that there is something special about our diversity."

There are roughly 2.5 million Episcopalians in this country and they are widely known as being the first denomination to "ordain a homosexual priest in 2003."

This of course has put the Episcopalians in the media says the Reverend of St. Paul. In fact, some believe the reason Kenny chose the Episcopalians was because of their recent ordination of a gay minister, especially considering Kenny himself is a homosexual.

Armstrong student Autumn Coffel received Ms. Angela McCurdy's email (Old Savannah City Mission's director of community relations), which explained "...As someone with very strong beliefs, I do not want to see anything that speaks against them." Coffel followed suit with her own email protest. She felt it was more an injustice against faith as a whole. To her, "faith is one of the purest things left and for someone to take it and make it less" was a personal offense.

Before NBC's decision to cancel the program, Kenny wrote asking for help against AFA. He claimed that the

AFA "is using this show as a fundraising tool" because "right next to the button to click to send a message to NBC or an advertiser is a button to click 'donate' money to their cause."

Because of low ratings and companies refusing to purchase advertising time during the program, NBC announced the cancellation of "The Book of Daniel" on Jan. 24. The Episcopal Diocese of Washington's "Blog of Daniel" posted Kenny's letter about the cancellation. He thanked "all of you who supported the show" and emphasized that "I accomplished what I set out to do: A solid family drama, with lots of humor that honestly explored the lives of the Webster family. Good, flawed people, who loved each other no matter what ... and there was always a lot of 'what!'"

NBC did make the final unaired episode available through their website at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27.

Stay Away from "Hostel"

The new movie "Hostel" is more grotesque than disturbing

Tara Gergacs
Editor-in-Chief

A popular horror genre that is spreading across the world is the torture film.

Movies like "Seven," "Saw" and "Saw 2" are part of this genre that has become increasingly larger over the past two years.

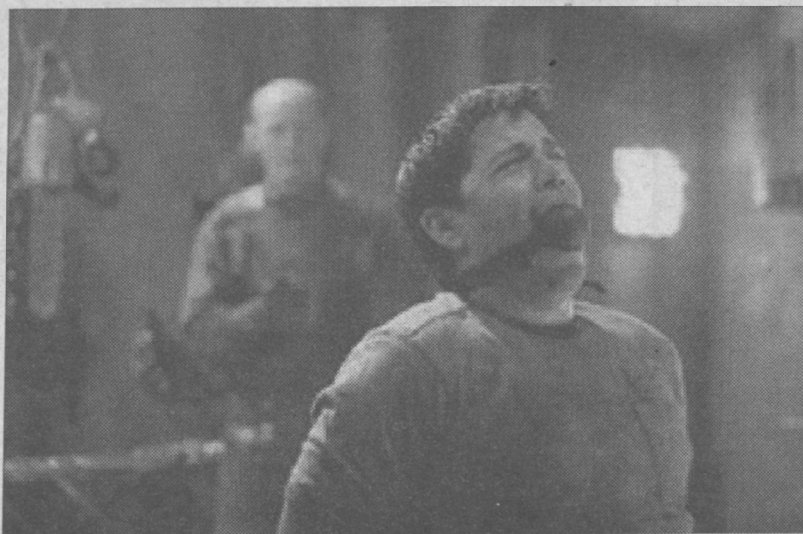
The new movie "Hostel" centers around three backpackers: Paxton (Jay Hernandez), Josh (Derek Richardson) and Oli (Eythor Gudjonsson) who are heading to a Slovakian town in search of a hostel that is full of beautiful women.

Once the three guys get to the hostel full of naked women, the movie turns into soft porn, every guy's fantasy and not what every girl may want to see. The

disappointing spin to this movie is the audience has to wait for about an hour to see the torture that awaits the characters. Once the truth is revealed and the games begin, the disturbing actions of torture become incredibly disgusting. There are two scenes where two of the characters get tortured

harshly enough to vomit in the scene. The scene is very realistic and may make viewers want to run toward the bathroom.

As with any horror film there are moments of disgust, but sometimes they can go overboard.



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LOOK OUT: AASU PRESENTS EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

February 3: PianoFest Guest Artist Recital featuring Jody Graves; show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

February 4: PianoFest 2006 Master classes and Workshops; 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m. in Fine Arts building room 206. PianoFest 2006 Competition Winners Recital; 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

February 5: The History of African American Gospel Music: The Reason Why We Sing presented by Chosen Gospel Music Ministry, 6 p.m. Located in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

February 6: An Artistic Discovery Exhibition; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery (through 2/17).

February 8: OMA Hollywood Showdown Game show, 8 p.m. in the MCC building

February 16-19: The AASU Masquers presents "Talley's Folly" in Jenkins theatre; general admission \$8.

Crimes in Savannah are Finally Noticed

Tara Gergacs
Editor-in-Chief

Born and raised in Savannah Ga., I have heard about millions of crimes in the city.

The murder of 19-year-old Jennifer Ross has finally opened the eyes to our community. For a story to make national headlines and continue to grace the cover of the Savannah Morning News almost a month after her death, is still having an effect on everyone.

The question on some minds is why is this crime different from any other crime? Is it because Ross was beautiful, intelligent and came from a loving family? There have been similar crimes around the world such as Laci Peterson and Natalee Holloway. Both of those women were beautiful, intelligent and came from good families. Each of these crimes has received national media attention. Sometimes the media can make the crime seem more about the person instead about the real crime. The success of a person, their looks, their intelligence and even their race should not be an issue. The issue is why is there crime and why

is it taking forever for the community to do something about it.

Around the world and even in Savannah the death of a successful person seems to be enough to make a community want to change. The community should not wait until a tragedy strikes to decide whether or not police should be patrolling the city. After Ross' death, her family worked to make sure this murder was not forgotten. According to the Jan. 29 edition of the Savannah Morning News, the impact of Ross' murder "launched a website called 'Save Our Savannah.' Also, 'Chatham County Sheriff Al St. Lawrence authorized 15 deputies for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police patrols and County Commissioner Helen Stone, Ross' godmother, and political consultant David Simons, a friend of the family, held a conference for an action plan to combat crime."

As of today, there have been no arrests for Ross' murder.

As our community continues to deal with this horrible crime, maybe the media and others will start taking notice of other crimes in our area and around the world.

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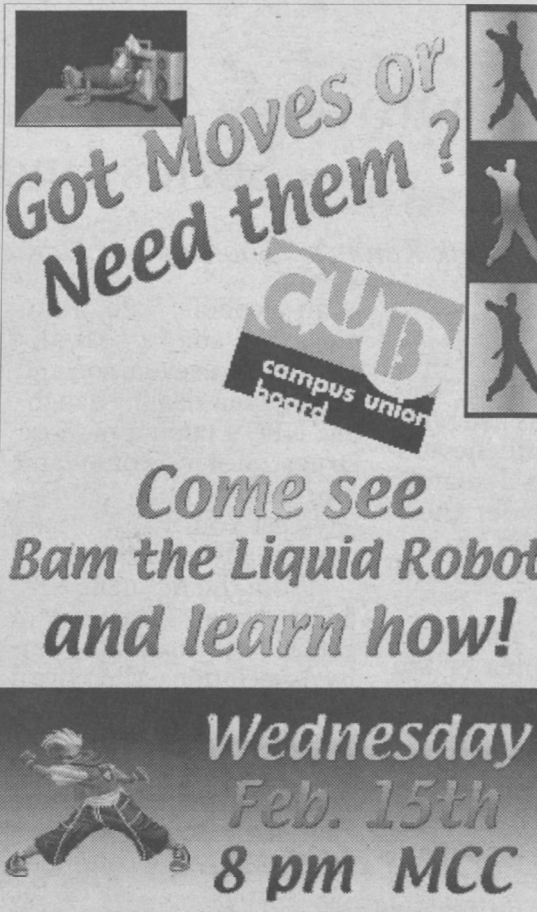
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Compost to Clean

Help reduce landfills by reusing your waste

Lauren Hunsberger
Layout Editor

According to vegweb.com 30 percent of landfills in the United States are filled up with food waste, yard waste and other biodegradable waste. Much of the unnecessary waste could be eliminated if more people started composting. Composting is easy, good for the Earth, benefits lawns and gardens, and will drastically reduce the need for more landfills, which are becoming increasingly more expensive to expand and create.

To start composting all you need is a huge trash bin and a shovel. Place the bin in your backyard, garage, porch, or anywhere it can get plenty of air. Then, as you create waste fill the bin up with food scrapes, lawn waste, leaves, and other biodegradable waste.

There are a few important things to remember when composting. Make sure that the compost pile stays moist (but not wet), gets plenty of air, and gets both green (fresh plants) and brown (dead or dried plants) waste products.

The following waste products are great for composting: kitchen waste (fruit/veggies, tea and coffee grounds, eggshells, and bread), dead and living grass, leaves and

weeds, other garden waste, wood chips, and sawdust.

Things to avoid: bones, fatty meat, milk products, diseased plants, and chemically treated plants.

Once you start your compost pile, make sure that you stir it often so that the air reaches the waste at the bottom of the pile. The hotter the compost pile the faster and better it will work, so do not try to create a compost pile if the temperature is cooler than 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

You will know that the compost pile is done when it looks like very dark soil. When is it done you can use the enriched soil for gardens, yards and household plants.



An example of a composting bin.

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The Youth and Beauty Brigade: On Things That Just Shouldn't Happen or Having Your Head Replaced With A Human Posterior

Kevin Daiss
Columnist

It must really really suck to be an ugly baby.

I mean, here you have all these people looking at you, poking you, accidentally spitting on you, and saying "oohhhh how cute!" or "aw-wwwww lookit the widdle babyyy." And you know that it is just all a bunch of lies.

Now, the first and most obvious objection to this is that a baby cannot possibly be aware of the fact that he or she is uglier than road kill on a hot August afternoon. Surely, as a baby, one is completely unaware of their status as hot or not.

However, I am here to tell you that babies are fully cognizant of much more than we "adults" are aware of,

and I have proof.

My proof is the wonderful film starring Kirstie Alley and John Travolta known simply as "Look Who's Talking" (as well as "Look Who's Talking NOW" and "Look Who Won't Shut the Hell Up.") This film, which is a documentary I believe, shows that babies are completely aware of their surroundings, the inner workings of the human psyche, and in touch with emotions that even adults cannot seem to accurately get a handle on.

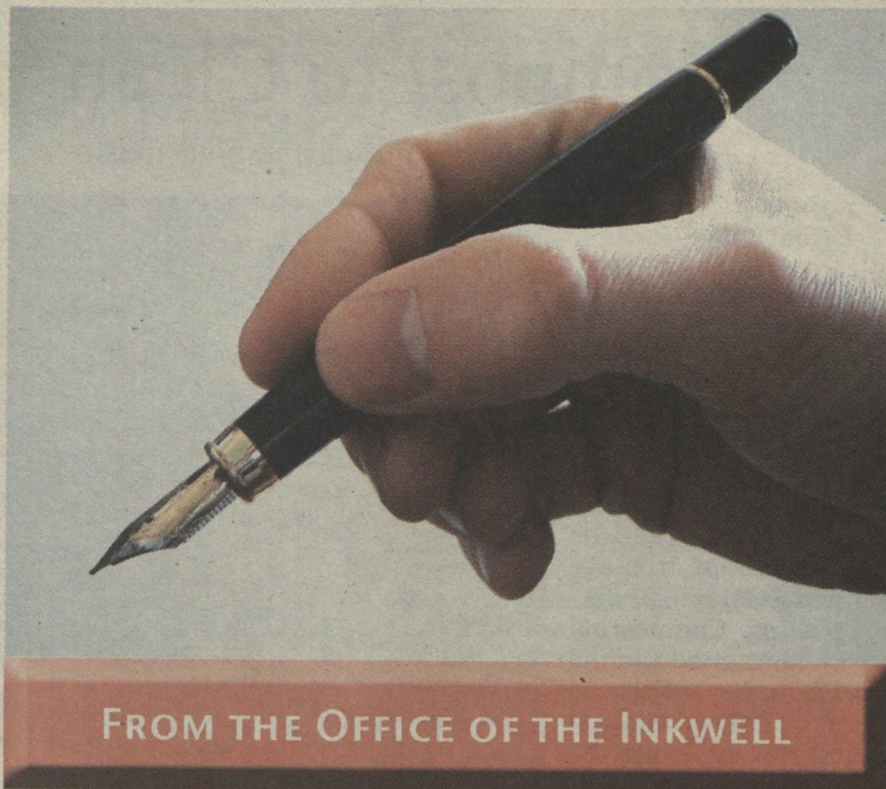
Now, back to my original point, being an ugly baby must be incredibly difficult. If we are to assume that babies are aware of what they look like without ever having actually seen themselves we are to assume

that every baby thinks it is ugly upon being born. Have you ever seen a baby being born? It is disgusting. I've seen kitchens of Italian restaurants in Brooklyn that look better than that. But imagine the trauma the baby experiences upon realizing that it didn't really get much better after the doctor smacked his or her newborn butt and said "it's a boy!" or "it's a girl!" or in the most serious cases "it's a baby-like thing!"

So say the baby comes out looking like Ron Howard. Oops, oh well. A baby can think all they want to—of this much we're certain (thank you John Travolta)—but they can't verbally articulate the disgust registering in their tiny baby brain as a reaction to their own appearance.

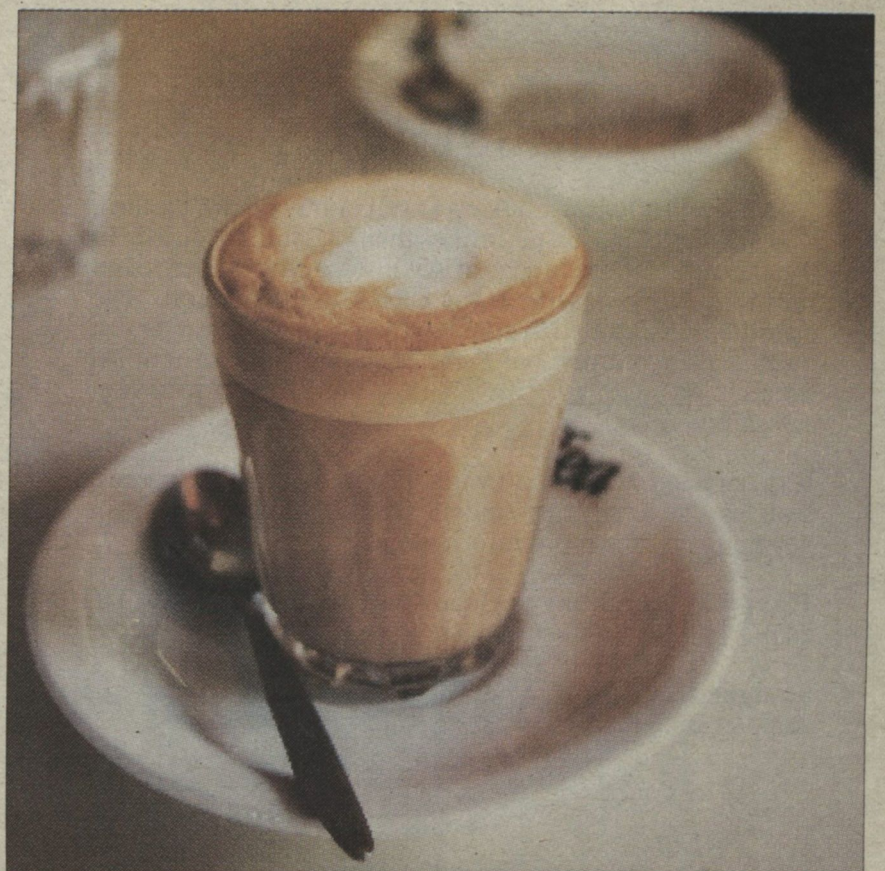
The baby's parents, therefore, must bear the full burden of bringing into the world such a hideous thing. The father will usually remind his wife, "I told you we should have just gotten a dog," and the wife will usually remind her husband, "we got one that can talk now."

So who do we feel worse for? The parents or the baby? Well, I don't claim to have any answers, but what I can do is offer hope for those affected by the most oft ignored epidemic in our society today: rampant and unchecked ugliness. If you're concerned that someone you know is being affected by this, please get help. There are many wonderful plastic surgeons in the area that are a mere phone call away.



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